

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 9A depicts an alignment of amino acids 1-82 of human PYRIN-1 (amino acid residues 1-82 of SEQ ID NO:5) with the pyrin domains of pyrin (SEQ ID NO:7), NBS-1 (amino acid residues 3-79 of SEQ ID NO:2), CARD-5 (SEQ ID NO:8), and CARD-7 (SEQ ID NO:9). A consensus pyrin domain sequence (SEQ ID NO:11) is shown above the alignment. Figure 9B depicts an alignment of amino acids 1-90 of human PYRIN-1 (amino acids 1-90 of SEQ ID NO:5 with the pyrin domains of pyrin (33% identity; SEQ ID NO:14), CARD-7 (24% identity; SEQ ID NO:15), ASC (25% identity; SEQ ID NO:16), NBS-1 (24% identity; amino acid residues 1-89 of SEQ ID NO:5), and POP-1 (28% identity; SEQ ID NO:17).--